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Applicant(s): Smith et al.
Serial No.: 10/619,678
For: **Method and Apparatus for Frying Potato Chips and Related Foodstuffs**
Filed: July 15, 2003
Examiner: D. E. Becker
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In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, please find attached hereto form PTO-1449 listing information which may be material to the patentability of this application, filed on July 15, 2003. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed:

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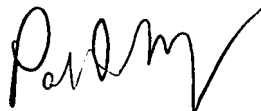
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Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration and that this application be passed to allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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